

HOUSE BILL 3256

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33;
Title 37 and Title 49, relative to psychiatric
evaluations of certain children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

37-5-132.

In cases where the department has contracted with a provider for in-home
services in a child's family and an official at the child's school has contacted the contract
provider with a complaint that the child is threatening suicide or harm to self or to others
on three (3) occasions in a school year, then, within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving
the third complaint, the contract provider shall petition a court of competent jurisdiction to
order a full inpatient psychiatric evaluation of the child in accordance with title 33,
chapter 6.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.